

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masanao KOHASHI et al.
Title: POLYESTER FIBERS FOR RUBBER REINFORCEMENT AND DIPPED CORDS USING SAME
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.21, please substitute for claim 5 the following rewritten version of the same claim, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made."

5. (Amended) A polyester dipped cord, which is obtainable by twisting one or more than one base yarn together into a pretwisted yarn, where the base yarn is made of a polyester fiber according to claim 1; twisting two or more pretwisted yarns together into a greige cord; and subjecting the greige cord to dip treatment to give a dipped cord simultaneously meeting the following characteristics:

- (a) tenacity conversion efficiency in the dip treatment (dipped cord tenacity / greige cord tenacity) $\geq 96\%$; and
- (b) elongation at a specific load + dry heat shrinkage $\leq 7.5\%$.